

Minutes of Leverett Conservation Commission June 1st, 2026

Attendees:

David Powicki, Bill Corwin, Joan Deely, Seth Heminway, Pete Sylvan (Absent: Sarah Manteiga)

The meeting opened at 7:10 pm.

1. Public inquiries
 - a. No public inquiries
2. Emily Boss (Franklin Land Trust): mapping Sawmill watershed
 - a. Representatives from the Franklin Land Trust provided the commission with an overview of the climate resilience review of the river corridor along the Sawmill River in North Leverett
 - b. Reviewed with a commission a map provides a rubric for climate resilience projects
 - c. General discussion of the map and specific areas of interest
 - d. Proposed that Franklin Land Trust coordinate a public information session at the Leverett Coop
 - e. Seth discussed the need to consider fire resilience as an important topic related to climate resilience and forest management
3. Board discussion
 - a. 42 Shutesbury Rd beaver dam breach
 - i. General discussion of beaver dam located at intersection of Doolittle Brook and Shutesbury Road
 1. Work was likely performed by contractors working on site
 2. Joan to connect with property owners notifying them they cannot disassemble the beaver dam without a permit
 - b. Stream diversion question on Parcel 3-0-12C/3-0-13 (Peter Brown)
 - c. Parking lot snowplowing at Town Hall
 - i. General discussion of gravel and debris from snow plowing of the town hall parking area potentially impacting wetlands resource area located between town hall and Leverett Art and Crafts.
 1. Commission members took the opportunity to head outside and conduct a site visit.
 2. Visually inspected debris pushed into the wood, towards the resource area

3. Commissioned agree that no action needed to be taken at this time.
- d. Hicks-Botta parcel donation updates
 1. Commission reviewed map showing plans for the property division, parking area, and trail access
 2. Next steps are for the property owner to work with the planning board to formalize lot lines
 3. Goal from property owners is to complete this process with the town by the end of 2026
- e. Local fire preparedness in wooded areas (Seth)
 - i. Returned to the topic of local fire preparedness. Seth agreed to coordinate with local experts to do a public information session at the library
4. Administrative Matters
 - a. Approval of minutes: 5/4/26
 - i. Approval of minutes deferred to next meeting
 - b. Discussed Certificate of Compliance (CoC) for 66 Cave Hill Road property. Bill made a motion to approve. David seconded the motion. All attending members were in favor. No opposition or abstentions.
 - c. CoC 200-0208 (Friends of North Leverett Sawmill)
 - i. Seth to conduct a site visit to review the work.
 - d. 55 Dudleyville Road NOI/OCC status.
 - i. Need to review OCC.
 - e. Open Orders of Conditions
 - i. 200-0207 Dudleyville Rd Drainage Improvement Project
 1. updated on construction contractor to replace netting and fix erosion issues
 - ii. 200-0141 109 Juggler Meadow Rd RCOC
 1. Property in the process of being sold
 2. Next step: Joan to schedule a site visit to review work done for NOI that included a dry hydrant.
 - f. Agent Staffing
 - i. Commission voted to forward Sarah's name to Select Board as recommended hire
 - g. July Meeting topics
 - i. Approve May and June minutes
 - ii. Next meeting July 6th
5. Executive Session
 - a. Board chose not to enter into Executive Session
6. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm